are also asked to submit their petitions and comments on diskette. Parties submitting diskettes should submit them to Sheryl Todd of the Universal Service Branch, 2100 M Street, N.W., Room 8606, Washington, D.C. 20554. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labelled with the party's name, proceeding, type of pleading (petition or comment), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file. Electronic submissions are in addition to and not a substitute for the formal filing requirements addressed above.

Ex parte contact. For the purposes of ex parte contact, each petition submitted pursuant to section 214(e)(6) will be treated as initiating a permit-but-disclose proceeding under the Commission's rules. See 47 CFR 1.1206.

Paperwork Reduction Act Requirement. In the Report and Order on Universal Service (released May 8, 1997), the Commission adopted rules that are designed to implement the universal service provision of section 254 of the Act. In accord with the Paperwork Reduction Act, we previously received OMB approval for the information collections that carriers must comply with in order to apply to their state commissions for designation as carriers eligible to receive universal support pursuant to section 254. Section 214(e) directs the Commission to designate telecommunications carriers that meet specified requirements as eligible in situations where the telecommunications carrier is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state commission. To implement this new statute, we will require telecommunications carriers that seek to be classified as eligible by the Commission and are not subject to the jurisdiction of a state commission to send to the Commission information demonstrating that they meet the eligibility criteria set forth in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and described in the Commission's rules. This information must be submitted according to the procedural requirements described above. These reporting requirements are necessary to verify that particular carriers are eligible to receive universal service support.

We have estimated that each response to this collection of information will

take, on average, 58 hours for respondants filing petitions and 20 hours for respondents filing written comments. Our estimate includes the time to comply with the statutory requirements, read this Public Notice, review existing records, gather and maintain required data, and complete and review the response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or on how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write the Federal Communications Commission, AMD-PERM, Washington, D.C. 20554, Paperwork Reduction Project (3060-0793). We will also accept your comments on the burden estimate via the Internet if you send them to jboley@fcc.gov. Please Do Not Send petitions requesting Commission designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier to this email address.

You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number or if we fail to provide you with this notice. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060–0810, which expires on May 31, 1998.

This notice is required by the Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93–579, December 31, 1974, 5 U.S.C. section 552a(e)(3) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, October 1, 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-197; RM-9154]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Goldsmith, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of Wild West Broadcasting Company, Inc., allots Channel 234A to Goldsmith, TX, as the community's first local aural transmission service. *See* 62 FR 47786, August 11, 1997. Channel 234A can be allotted to Goldsmith in compliance with the Commission's

minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 11.9 kilometers (7.4 miles) southwest. The coordinates for Channel 234A at Goldsmith are 31–54–26 NL and 102–42–14 WL. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 2, 1998. A filing window for Channel 234A at Goldsmith, TX, will not be opened at this time. Instead, the issue of opening a filing window for this channel will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No.97–197, adopted December 10, 1997, and released December 19, 1998. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc., (202) 857–3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.

§73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Texas, is amended by adding Goldsmith, Channel 234A.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-173; RM-9134]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Lexington, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.